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SUBJ: LOS - SOVIETS MOVES RE MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

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1. SOVIETS (AMB KOLOSISOVSKY) APPROACHED CLINGAN NOON 3 FEB AND STATED USSR INTENTION TO OFFER ORIGINAL SOVIET DEFINITION (REF A) ON THURSDAY (5 FEB) MORNING UNLESS US AGREED TO INTRODUCE COMPROMISE DEFINITION (REF B, PARA 3).

2. US(CLINGAN) REITERATED THAT US WOULD BE REQUIRED TO STRONGLY OPPOSE ORIGINAL SOVIET DEFINITIONS AND INDICATED DEEP RESERVATION ABOUT HAVING THIRD COUNTRY INTRODUCE COMPROMISE ARTICLES SINCE IT WOULD BE VIEWED AS A US PROPOSAL. US STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO US, AND AGAIN STATED THAT OUR INSTRUCTIONS ONLY ALLOWED NON-OPPOSITION TO THE COMPROMISE ARTICLE, BUT WE COULD NOT ADVOCATE IT EITHER PUBLICALLY OR PRIVATELY.

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3. SOVIETS LATER CANCELLED PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED

BILATERAL MEETING, AVOIDED DIRECT CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF US TEAM, AND LIMITED THEIR ATTENDANCE AT SUBSEQUENT EVENSEN MEETINGS. WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATION OR INFORMATION, THE SOVIETS OFFERED THEIR ORIGINAL AMENDMENTS TO EVENSEN GROUP ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEB 5:

1. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RELATED TO THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE MEANS RESEARCH WHICH PERMITS TO LOCATE, ASSESS AND KEEP UNDER SURVEILLANCE THE RESOURCES AND TO EVALUATE THEIR COMMERCIAL EXPLOITABILITY.

2. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH NOT RELATED TO THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE MEANS RESEARCH OTHER THAN THAT MENTIONED IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

4. FOLLOWING SOVIET INTRODUCTION OF ARTICLES, EVENSEN STATED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO REOPEN DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 14, AND, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD ACCEPT SOVIET PROPOSAL, HE WISHED TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE ARTICLES.

5. US INTERVENTION GEARED TO CHAIRMAN'S POINT OF ORDER. US REP STATED HE WOULD RESPECT CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST, BUT FELT COMPELLED TO RESERVE RIGHT TO SPEAK AGAIN AT APPROPRIATE TIME ON ARTICLE 14 AND WOULD INDICATE REASONS WHY WE FOUND SOVIET PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE.

6. IN VIEW OF CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS OVER LAST 10 MONTHS CONCERNING DEFINITION AND CLEAR STATEMENT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT ISSUE HAD NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS, US DELEGATION VIEWS SOVIET MOVE WITH GRAVE CONCERN. SOVIETS NOT ONLY DISPLAYED A WILLINGNESS TO MOVE AHEAD DESPITE STRONG US OBJECTIONS, BUT, IN LIGHT OF STATEMENT GIVEN PRIVATELY THAT WE WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE THEIR ARTICLES, SOVIETS WERE ALSO APPARENTLY WILLING TO SEE A US-SOVIET PUBLIC SPLIT.

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DELEGATION RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT MAKE APPROPRIATE STRONG DEMARCHE BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW EXPRESSING GRAVE CONCERN AT SOVIET MOVE. POINTS WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED ARE:

- US/USSR HAVE BEEN WORKING EFFECTIVELY ON LOS ISSUES AND US HAS DESIRE TO CONTINUE BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH GROUP OF FIVE.
- AN OPEN US/SOVIET SPLIT ON ANY ISSUE MUST BE

AVOIDED, SINCE IT CAN ONLY HINDER OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS  
TOWARD A TIMELY AND SATISFACTORY LOS TREATY.

-- US VIEWS WITH GRAVE CONCERN SOVIET SILLING-  
NESS TO PROCEED ON AN ISSUE OF SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE  
TO US DESPITE OUR STRONG OBJECTIONS.DALE

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